

# Memorandum



**Date:** February 18, 2026

**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*  
Mayor

Agenda Item No. 8(O)(4)

**Subject:** Resolution Ratifying the Rejection of all Bids of Construction Contract No. S-20057 -  
North District Wastewater Treatment Plant FA Monitoring Well Phase 2

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## **Executive Summary**

This item seeks ratification from the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of action taken by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to reject all bids received in response to a competitive solicitation for the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) that was issued on July 17, 2025 for Contract No. S-20057 (the Contract), North District Wastewater Treatment Plant FA Monitoring Well Phase 2 (the Project). The scope of work for this Contract was to furnish all materials, labor, and equipment necessary to construct two (2) new dual zone monitoring wells, to construct eight (8) shallow pad monitoring wells, and to plug and abandon the existing dual zone monitoring wells. These wells are critical components of the North District Wastewater Treatment Plant's (NDWWTP) injection well system and are a permit requirement under Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regulations.

Two (2) bids were received in response to the solicitation; however, the lower bid came in 42% higher than the Engineer of Record's (EOR's) estimate. Due to this significant variance, and based on the EOR's recommendation, the County rejected all bids and will be re-evaluating the EOR's estimate and revising the Project scope and specifications to encourage broader contractor participation. The County will rebid this Project as Contract No. S-20057R.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board ratify the action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee rejecting all bids for Contract No. S-20057.

## **Scope**

The Project is to be performed at WASD's NDWWTP, located in Commission District 4, which is represented by Commissioner Micky Steinberg.

## **Delegation of Authority**

The bids received were rejected pursuant to Section 2-8.2.12 of the Miami-Dade County Code (WASD's Acceleration Ordinance), which delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to reject bids subject to ratification by the Board.

## **Fiscal Impact / Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the rejection of all bids.

## **Track Record/Monitoring**

WASD's Deputy Director of Planning, Regulatory Compliance and Capital Infrastructure, Marisela Aranguiz-Cueto, P.E., will oversee the implementation of this Project.

**Background**

On September 3, 2014, the Board approved Ordinance No. 14-77 authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to award contracts for funded capital projects and related goods and services, to reject bids and proposals received in connection with any competitive procurement, and to accelerate the approval of WASD's: (1) Consent Decree projects, and (2) projects identified in WASD's Multi-Year Capital Plan's Capital Improvement Program without the need for prior Board approval but subject to ratification by the Board.

The Project includes furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment necessary to construct two (2) new dual zone monitoring wells, to construct eight (8) shallow pad monitoring wells, and to plug and abandon the existing dual zone monitoring wells. The Project also includes temporary installation of drilling pads, grading, and construction of other components needed for service at the NDWWTP.

The original solicitation was advertised on July 17, 2025, and bids were received and opened on August 27, 2025. WASD received two (2) bids for Contract No. S-20057; however, the low bid was 42% higher than the EOR's estimate. The EOR reviewed the bids and recommended rejection of all bids received. As a result, the County rejected all bids on December 3, 2025.

The County will review the solicitation, investigate the discrepancies between the bid amounts and the estimate, and re-advertise the Project with a reduced scope and any necessary changes.

Attached as Exhibit A is the recommendation to Reject all Bids.

Attachments

  
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Roy Coley  
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer

# EXHIBIT A

## Memorandum



**Date:** November 20, 2025

**To:** Jay J. Fink, P.E.  
Director  
Water and Sewer Department

**From:** Marisela Aranguiz-Cueto, P.E., *MAAC*  
Deputy Director of Planning, Regulatory Compliance, and Capital Infrastructure  
Water and Sewer Department

**Subject:** Request to Reject all Bids and Re-Advertise Contract No. S-20057, North District Wastewater Treatment Plant FA Mon Well Phase 2

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) Consent Decree and Capital Improvement Programs Acceleration Ordinance, Section 2-8.2.12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, it is recommended that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee approve this recommendation to reject all bids received by WASD in response to the May 11, 2023 solicitation for Contract No. S-20057 and re-advertise the project.

### **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:**

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to reject bids pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-8.2.12 (4)(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

### **PROJECT NAME:**

S-20057, North District Wastewater Treatment Plant (NDWWTP) Floridan Aquifer (FA) Monitoring Well Phase 2

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The scope of this Contract consists of furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment necessary to construct two (2) new dual zone monitoring wells (DZMWs) (FA-2NR and FA-3NR), eight (8) shallow pad monitoring wells (PMWs), and plugging and abandoning (P&A) the existing DZMWs FA-2N and FA-3N. The construction shall include temporary drilling pads, grading, and the balance of construction at the ready for service NDWWTP. The project period is 450 calendar days to Substantial Completion and 500 calendar days to Final Completion, with 50 days contingency allowance.

### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

This project impacts District 4, which is represented by Commissioner Micky Steinberg.

### **FISCAL IMPACT / FUNDING SOURCE:**

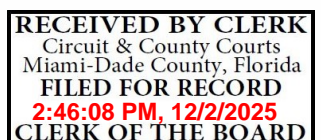
There is no fiscal impact to the County for the rejection of bids

### **TRACK RECORD / MONITOR/ SBD HISTORY OF VIOLATIONS:**

Due diligence was conducted by WASD on the bids, there was no review by the Internal Services Department Small Business Division.

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**EXPLANATION:**

On August 27, 2025, WASD received two (2) bids for S-20057 in response to a solicitation advertised on July 17, 2025. As shown below, the low bidder was 42% more than the engineer's estimate. The Engineer of Record has reviewed the bids and recommended rejecting all bids.

<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>All Webbs Enterprises</b>	<b>Youngquist Brothers LLC</b>
\$5,263,956.75	\$7,404,422.00	\$13,326,419.40

It is in the best interest of the County to reject all bids, review the solicitation, investigate the discrepancy between the bids and the estimate, and re-advertise the project incorporating any necessary changes.



Jay J. Fink, WASD Director  
on behalf of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

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## Engineer's Justification

Engineer of Record (EOR) Recommendation to Reject All Bids

**Project:** 20057 NDWWTP FA Mon Well Phase 2

**E-Builder No.:** S050638

**Total Low Bid:** \$7,404,422.00

**Base Bid (Low):** \$6,604,020.00

**Low Bidder:** All Webbs Enterprises, Inc. (AWE)

**WASD Estimated Total Bid:** \$5,263,956.75

**WASD Estimated Base Bid:** \$4,658,142.50

**Base Bid Variance:** 41.7% above the Engineers Estimate

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## Scope of Work

The project includes:

- Plugging and abandonment of two dual zone monitoring wells (FA-2 and FA-3)
  - Construction of two new replacement dual zone monitoring wells (FA-2R and FA-3R)
  - All work will be located onsite the North District Wastewater Treatment Plant (NDWWTP)
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## Background and Cost Justification

The submitted bid for Project S050638 has been reviewed and found to exceed the Engineer's Estimate by more than 40%. Due to this significant variance, the decision has been made to reject the current bid(s) and re-advertise the project. To ensure the County receives competitive pricing that reflects current market conditions and the scope of work, we are taking the following steps:

- **Reevaluating the Engineer's Estimate** to align with up-to-date market pricing trends.
- **Revising the project scope and specifications** as needed to encourage broader contractor participation. Allowing for 24/7 work scheduling provides greater flexibility and will potentially reduce overall project costs.

These adjustments aim to attract a wider pool of qualified candidates and result in more cost-effective proposals that meet the County's expectations for quality and value.

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### **Bid Review and Negotiation**

WASD received bid estimates from various well drilling contractors in April 2025, and an Engineers Estimate was put together for an estimated total bid cost of \$5,263,956.75. In August 2025, the project received two bids. One from AWE at \$7,404,422.00 and one from Youngquist Brothers (YB) at \$13,326,419.40. AWE as the lowest bidder, came back 41.7% higher than the provided Engineers Estimate.

A meeting to review the project bid was conducted between WASD and AWE on October 23, 2025, to investigate the difference between the bid amount and Engineer's Estimate. Based on discussions of the line items and project scope, AWE agreed to revise the base bid from the original \$6,604,020 to \$5,761,386 which is still 21.3% above the estimate.

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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that all bids be rejected at this time. The project scope and Engineer's Estimate will be revised using updated pricing estimates, and the bid documents will be modified to allow for more flexible contractor scheduling. These adjustments are intended to result in a more cost effective bid package and attract a broader pool of qualified bidders when the project is re-advertised.

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Christina Garcia-Alario, P.G.

Professional Geologist

WASD Hydrogeological Technical Services Division



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** February 18, 2026

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(O)(4)

Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5’s \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) \_\_\_\_) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(O)(4)  
2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTION OF THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.2.12 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT'S CONSENT DECREE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ACCELERATION ORDINANCE REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT NO. S-20057 FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FA MONITORING WELL PHASE 2

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA** that this Board hereby ratifies the action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, pursuant to section 2-8.2.12 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's Consent Decree and Capital Improvement Projects Acceleration Ordinance, rejecting all bids for Contract No. S-20057 for the North District Wastewater Treatment Plant FA Monitoring Well Phase 2.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

SED

Sarah E. Davis